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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on **December 23, 2004** finally rejecting claims 1-20, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forster et al (US 6,455,369) in combination with Wolf et al (Silicon Processing for the VLSI, Vol. 1). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for the reasons as follow.

Applicant submits that claims 1-20 are clearly in condition for allowance, as will be discussed in detail herein below. Applicant presents the remarks below in an effort to further point out that the claims patentably distinguish over the cited prior art in hopes of avoiding an unnecessary appeal process for this case. The remarks of the instant response further clarify and distinguish